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PASS COMMERCE FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY WEIL

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SUBJECT: TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE - SENIOR REVIEW
COMMITTEE MEETING

REF: STATE 133264

1. REFTEL REQUESTED EMBASSY TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF
SCHEDULING NEXT SENIOR REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING BETWEEN
ASSISTANT SECRETARY WEIL AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MITI
INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION BUREAU AFTER JULY 4.

2. MITI HAS SUGGESTED THE MEETING MIGHT BE HELD SOME TIME
IN THE WEEK BEGINNING JULY 24. DIRECTOR GENERAL NISHIYAMA
HAS ALREADY RESIGNED AND HIS REPLACEMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN
NAMED, ALTHOUGH THIS IS EXPECTED SOON AS PART OF THE AN-
NUAL PERSONNEL REASSIGNMENT PROCESS TO TAKE PLACE AFTER
THE END OF THE CURRENT DIET SESSION. IN THE MEANTIME,
INTERNATIONAL TRADE POLICY BUREAU DIRECTOR GENERAL YANO
IS FILLING IN FOR FORMER DIRECTOR GENERAL NISHIYAMA.
MR. YANO EXPECTS TO BE BUSY IN EARLY JULY WITH SUMMIT
PREPARATIONS. MITI PREFERS THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY WEIL
MEET WITH NISHIYAMA'S REPLACEMENT IN LATTER PART OF JULY,
OR EARLY AUGUST, IF MR. WEIL'S SCHEDULE CAN BE ARRANGED.
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3. COMMENT: UNCERTAINTY AS TO WHOM WILL BE NAMED WHEN
TO REPLACE NISHIYAMA IS CAUSE OF MITI'S RELUCTANCE TO BE
COMMITTED NOW TO AN EARLY JULY SRC MEETING. CIRCUMSTANCES
MIGHT DEVELOP TO MAKE AN EARLY JULY SRC MEETING POSSIBLE,
BUT AT THIS MOMENT NO ONE CAN BE SURE. PLEASE ADVISE IF
WEEK OF JULY 24 WOULD BE CONVENIENT FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY

WEIL. MANSFIELD

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